

NO MATTER WHAT

Let all bitterness...be put away from you--said by an innocent person put into prison who had been beaten (Paul). Whoever slaps you on the right cheek, turn the other to him also--said by a person who was innocent but was crucified (Jesus). So also, when we experience far less persecution, we are not to be bitter, no matter what. A root of bitterness springing up causes trouble and defiles many. We are to have believed in Jesus (God's sin bearing, resurrected Son), repented of sins, received Jesus as Lord of our life. We are then to go about, no matter what, speaking of Jesus, seeking and finding good to do, then not get bitter at the resulting persecution. (Eph. 4:31, Mt. 5:39, Heb. 12:15)